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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS INDICATIVE OF THE FEVERISH BUT  
DISORDERLY ILL-COORDINATED ACTIVITY UNDERWAY TO ORGANIZE AND  
SUPPORT THE SAHARA MARCH, GLEANED FROM CASA SOURCES. OPERATION  
APPEARS HIGHLY CHAOTIC AND INEFFICIENT, WITH ALMOST NO ACTUAL  
PREPARATIONS BEFORE KIPX'S OCT 16 SPEECH; BEGAN TO MOVE INTO  
HIGH GEAR OCT 18 AND CRESCENDO OF GOVERNMENT DEMANDS AND ORDERS  
SINCE THEN ON EXPONENTIAL CURVE UPWARD. GIVEN VAST DEMANDS  
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BEING MADE AT THIRTEENTH HOUR, TASK OF SUPPORTING MARCH LOOKS

HERCULEAN BUT MOST OF THOSE INVOLVED HERE THINK THAT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, AT PERHAPS FIFTY PERCENT EFFICIENCY, LOGISTIC SUPPORT WILL FUNCTION. SINCE BULK OF MOROCCAN INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT CONCENTRATED CASA, THESE DATA HAVE MAJOR NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

2. OIL INDUSTRY HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF ABOUT FIFTY PERCENT OF ITS TRANSPORT CAPABILITY, TANKERS FOR MARCH, WATER AND OIL NEEDS, AND CARGO TRUCKS FOR HAULING PEOPLE. INDUSTRY BEING REQUIRED WITH REMAINING CAPACITY TO MEET NORMAL COMMERCIAL LOAD PLUS SERVICING OF TRUCKS AT COLLECTION POINTS FOR MOVE SOUTH. ALL POL SUPPORT AFTER LEAVING COLLECTION POINTS FOR SOUTH IS SHELL RE-

SPONSIBILITY. INDUSTRY PROBLEM IS NOT POL SUPPLY STOCKS BUT TRANSPORT, AND IT IS WORKING 24 HOURS A DAY. OIL, LIKE OTHER INDUSTRIES, GETTING ORDERS DIRECT FROM MINCOMM GHISSASSI WHO APPARENTLY HANDLING DETAILS AT EVERY LEVEL PERSONALLY.

3. TIRE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN ORDERED MEET UNLIMITED SUPPLY ORDERS FROM DEALERS, WITH PRIORITY TO AGADIR AND SOUTH, AND DEALERS TO DEFINE NEEDS. HOWEVER, ORDERS ONLY GIVEN IN LAST TWO DAYS, AND VIRTUALLY ALL TRUCKS AND BUSES (LATTER USED FOR FACTORY PERSONNEL) REQUISITIONED, LEAVING ALMOST NO CAPACITY TO DELIVER TO DEALERS.

4. REPORT IS NEARLY 8,000 TRUCKS, MOST OF BUSES, (AND, BEGINNING NOW, NEW PASSENGER VEHICLES FROM LOCAL ASSEMBLY PLANTS AND DEALERS) BEING PULLED OUT OF CASA FOR THE MARCH. THIS BORNE OUT BY LARGE NUMBERS OF VEHICLES WE SEE MOVING THROUGH COLLECTION POINTS, WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED CONFIRMED AS ALREADY EN ROUTE SOUTH FROM CASA FILLED WITH VOLUNTEERS. 10 TRAINS PER DAY REPORTED LEAVING CASA FOR SOUTH.

5. ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND COMPANIES BEING STRIPPED OF TENT SUPPLIES, HOSPITALS ORDERED TO HOLD MAXIMUM EMPTY BEDS, 150 (OF TOTAL 170) RAIL LOCOMOTIVES ALLEGEDLY REQUISITIONED FOR MARCH. TRUCK RENTAL FOR NORMAL COMMERCIAL USE SAID VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. GOVERNMENT HAS ALLEGEDLY ORDERED 27 MILLION LITRES OF WATER, 17 THOUSAND TONS FOOD, 2000 TONS GASOLINE TO BE STOCKPILED IN SOUTH (THIS ALMOST ENTIRELY IN FORM OF ORDERS TO CASA PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH THEN HAS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DO IT, WITH CONFLICTING PRIORITIES HANDICAPPING COMPANIES' ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH, E.G. TRUCKS FOR TIRE TRANSPORT.

6. UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF SOVIET VEHICLES AND ARMS REPORTED OFF-LOADED FROM SOVIET SHIP IN CASA OCT 16-17. ANOTHER REPORT SAYS MARCHERS BEING PROMISED 600 DIRHAM IF THEY UNDERTAKE TO STAY FIVE YEARS IN SAHARA.

7. COMMENT: TO THE EXTENT OHAT PREDICTIONS OF SUCCESS OF MARCH ARE PREDICATED ON ASSUMPTION OF LONG AND DETAILED PRE-PLANNING AND HIGHLY ORGANIZED EXECUTION (CLAIMED BY GOM AND WIDELY BELIEVED AMONG MOROCCANS) THE ASSUMTION SEEMS ILL-FOUNDED. NEVERTHELESS, HOWEVER WASTEFULLY, THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE GETTING SOME MASSIVE RESULTS AND THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE AND OF SUPPORT RESOURCES MOVING SOUTH. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, HEAVY DRAIN OF RESOURCES AND TRANSPORT OUT OF CASA ECONOMY IS LIKELY TO CAUSE SEVERE DISRUPTION OF CIVIL LIFE OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS NMO ONLY IN CASA BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY.  
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